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Our Case No. 9281-4258
Client Reference No. N US00121

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiyoshi Sato et al.

Serial No. 10/017,748

Filing Date: December 14, 2001

For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head With Narrowed Track Width And Method For Making Same

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references B1-B2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

In conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants state that each item of information contained herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the supplemental information disclosure statement. Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action that issued on September 30, 2003 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application 2000-398949 of the above-identified application.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as

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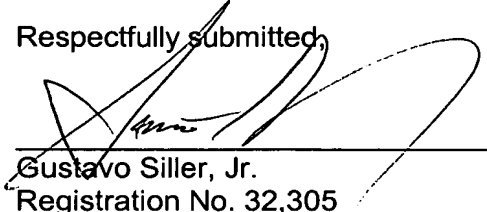
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defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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Serial No. 10/017,748	Filing Date December 14, 2001	Examiner MILLER, BRIAN E	Group Art Unit 2652
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Title of Invention Thin-Film Magnetic Head With Narrowed Track Width And Method For Making Same			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); PTO Form 1449; Copy of Office Action for Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-398949; References B1-B2 and Return Postcard

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
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Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-20	
Indep. Claims	-3	
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

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Small Entity	
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